

HADDOCK IS DOWN TODAY.

T WHARF DEALERS HAVE MORE FISH THAN THEY WANT THIS MORNING.

T wharf dealers had plenty of fish this morning to meet today's demands with probably some left over, just 13 arrivals, three of them being offshores, being reported at the dock since yesterday.

The fleet brought in mostly haddock and cod, the biggest fare of the morning being sch. Cynthia, Capt. "Jeff" Thomas, who hails for 82,000 pounds of haddock and 25,000 weight of cod. Schs. Mary Edith and Mary C. Santos and Mary DeCosta brought in good trips, the latter bringing part of her fare here. The fares of the shore fleet ranged from 600 to 22,000 pounds.

Prices on haddock were low, but cod was well up.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Georgiana, 1500 cod.

Sch. Grace, 600 cod.

Sch. Eddie Minot, 1000 cod.

Sch. Eliza Benner, 6500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Cynthia, 22,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 5500 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 24,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 35,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. James and Esther, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Tecumseh, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 10,000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 7500 haddock.

Sch. M. Madeline, 3500 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Mary De Costa, 34,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3.25; hake, \$2 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50.

HALIBUTERS AT PORTLAND.

Three fares of fresh halibut are at Portland today, aggregating 73,000 pounds in all. They are schs. Preceptor 28,000 pounds net; Thomas A. Cromwell, 30,000 pounds net; and Paragon, 15,000 pounds.

The fare of sch. Paragon brought 13½ cents a pound for white and 10 cents a pound for gray while those of schs. Preceptor and Thomas A. Cromwell sold at 13 cents for white and 10 cents for gray, both less than the price paid here today.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HERRING.

Season Just Closed At Nanaimo Has Been Fairly Successful.

The herring fishery season has closed at Nanaimo, B. C. It was a fairly successful one. The catch is estimated at between 12,000 and 14,000 tons. Some of the fishermen had hoped the season might be extended for several days, but the request that the season be extended was not granted.

The herring are now spawning. The idea of closing down fishing at the commencement of the spawning season is an excellent one, says the Victoria, B. C. Colonist. This time of restriction should rectify the error by which in times past the herring have been so badly depleted. The news is heartily welcomed by those who have at heart the preservation of this great industry the prosperity of which has been seriously jeopardized in this district by fishermen disturbing the waters during the spawning season.

Up to two days prior to close season, practically no herring had visited the waters of Departure Bay, which in former years had been visited by thousands of tons of fish during the season. Why the herring were so late in entering that harbor this year is not fully clear. The fish, however, arrived in the bay in large numbers on Tuesday and Wednesday with the result that the Japanese netted several hundred tons before the close season was declared February 29.

JOHN STREAM BACK IN 10 DAYS

BRINGS 12,000 POUNDS OF FRESH HALIBUT FROM GEORGES BANK.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Capt. John G. Stream, arrived this morning from a Georges halibut trip, after only 10 days out with a fare of 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

This is Capt. Stream's second trip in the craft since he purchased her from Portland. He struck good fishing, it is very evident, and the fish were in fine condition when they arrived here and met a ready market.

During the forenoon, sch. Arabia, Capt. Ormsby Seely, arrived from the eastward with a nice shacking fare, consisting of about 100,000 pounds.

From Boston are schs. Frances P. Mesquita with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish, Walter P. Goulart and Mary DeCosta, 30,000 pounds a piece, and Flora L. Oliver, 20,000 pounds, left over from yesterday.

The gill netters did well again yesterday, having about 75,000 pounds among them. Steamer, Nomad had the best catch, boxing up 15,000 weight for shipment.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 12,500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arabia, shacking, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Georges halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Lillian, Jonesport, cured fish.

Sch. Eva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

Sch. George H. Lubee, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddosc, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

THE SCHOFIELD CLAM MEASURE.

DR. FIELD OF THE FISHERIES AND GAME COMMISSION OPPOSED TO IT.

Dr. Field of the commission on fisheries and game has taken the trail of the Schofield clam-lease bill and declares that it must be slain as one of the steps in the direction of clam conservation, says Practical Politics. The doctor, who may be listed as an enthusiast on the clam proposition, asserts with some assurance that the clam is doomed if the bill becomes law. Senator Schofield, the author of the measure, declares that if it doesn't the Sealship company—known in Joppa and the other coast towns as the \$4,000,000 shellfish trust—will control the industry, drive the clambers off the flats and regulate prices inside of five years.

The Schofield bill provides that cities and towns may lease from the state for periods up to 15 years the clam flats within their own borders. The first effect of this, should it become law, would be, of course, to enable the municipalities which have a good percentage of clambers in their population to take the flats away from the jurisdiction of the fisheries and game commission, and this is one thing that the commission, as represented by Dr. Field, kicks on most emphatically. It is one of the things that the clambers have worked for for years—this matter of securing control of the clam flats by the towns and cities.

It is a fact that the men in the clam industry fear the fish and game commissioners more than they do any of the plagues that threaten the shellfish from time to time, and it is here that the commissioners make their first great mistake. Dr. Field, suave and courteous as he is, has fallen into the error of fighting the clambers instead of trying to placate them, until he is regarded from the Rhode Island line to the Hampton river as being a scheming emissary of the shell fish trust.

He would undoubtedly have accomplished more had he recognized the viewpoint of the clam men earlier and sought to win support from them, instead of being so cock-sure that he was right on the subject of leasing the flats to individuals. There is no doubt that in the beginning a middle ground satisfactory to both sides might have been discovered, where as now it begins to look as if it was going to be a blood fight, with the clambers devoting all their efforts to get away from the commission altogether.

April 2.

More Nova Scotia Bankers.

Two new vessels for other owners are being built at Jordan & Sherburn. Swim Brothers will operate a fleet of half a dozen modern schooners. William McMillan, who has made such a success of the bank fishery in years gone by, will, as before stated, have two new vessels off shore. In addition to these the permanent bait supply at Lockeport will bring many craft from other places. It is interesting to note that all the vessels from Lockeport this season, with one exception, will go trawling, the old method of handling being a thing of the past.

Salt Fish Market.

The market for salt fish was a trifle weaker in tone all week and prices for codfish weakened in some quarters, according to the Fishing Gazette. Export business was blamed. Salt mackerel, on the other hand, was firm, and higher. Pickled salmon remained at last week's prices, but is much in demand, and prices of that fish are expected to advance before the 1912 fishing begins.

April 2.

It is reported that Capt. William Devine of sch. Leo that was destroyed by fire several days ago will take command of sch. Viking.

Brings Cured Fish.

Sch. Lillian is here from Jonesport, Maine, with a cargo of cured fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Big Price For Halibut.

The halibut fare of sch. Rena A. Percy gold to the American Halibut Company this morning at 15 cents a pound for white and 11 3-4 cents a pound for gray. Portland is paying 13 and 13 1-2 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

HAVE BEEN TO PORTLAND.

And Will Visit Whole Maine Coast on Anti-Beam Trawling Matter.

The Portland Press says:

Maine fishermen have come more closely in touch with the present agitation against the beam trawler than ever for two representatives of the Boston Fishermen's committee, F. G. Robinson and Capt. George Nelson, were in Portland recently in the interest of the measure to prohibit this method of fishing.

To arouse the interest in the measure and to get the backing of the fishing interests of Maine were the purposes of the Boston men's visit here. They will make a trip along the coast, visit all fishing centers and explain the evils of the beam trawl to the fishermen and the vessel owners.

In talking with the dealers and fishermen here, Capt. Nelson and Mr. Robinson pointed out the dangers of the beam trawl. There is a unanimity of sentiment against the practice in Maine.

Fisheries Notes.

U. S. Consul Henry D. Baker, writing from Hobart, Tasmania, says the Norwegian sailing ship Mimosa, which is to act as a floating factory in the proposed whaling industry on the west coast of Tasmania, has arrived at Hobart. It is to be followed by four other vessels which will carry on whaling operations in the vicinity of Port Davey. This will be the first attempt at whaling in Tasmanian waters since 1900. In the old whaling days the work of capturing the whales was carried on completely by sailing vessels, a large number of them from the United States, but now auxiliary and steam vessels are to be used.

Capt. Otto Sverdrup, master of Explorer Fridtjof Nansen's Fram, is in Seattle outfitting for whaling in Alaskan waters. He said: "I expect to build two vessels, each 105 feet long, with 400 horsepower engines. I hope to sail in May. I spent a short time whaling in Alaskan waters last year. I have arranged to secure two trained gunners who are now on their way from Norway to join me. I have done some considerable whaling off Greenland."

Prof. George McCloskie, of Princeton University, is quoted as saying, "The whale's air chamber is as large as an ordinary bedroom, extending from chin to chest, so as to make the neck bulge in front with a thick muscular wall which is sometimes wrinkled in front, and with an entrance from the large windpipe big enough to admit any modern prophet who ventured that way." Jonah's experience, in other words, was not a miracle, reasons the learned professor, but might fall to the lot of any whale fisherman.

April 3.

Cold Storage Plant at Port Clyde.

Work on the new cold storage plant at Port Clyde, Me., has been started. The buildings that have been used for the coal and fish business are being removed to make room for the new plant, which will be of good size and up-to-date in every way.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott was at Shelburne, N. S., last Saturday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie arrived at Halifax Saturday last for shelter and cleared for fishing.

Will War on Gar Fish.

The Illinois State Fish Commission will start war upon the gar fish, Dr. Stephen A. Forbes says that in one year a single gar fish will kill and eat more than 5,000 minnow.

Had Cod Beside.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, which arrived yesterday, had 4000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of fresh fish in addition to her fare of halibut.

Made Fine Stock.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wheaton, stocked \$3000 from her halibut trip at Portland, Monday, the crew sharing \$82 to a man.

Value of Southern Fisheries.

According to the Manufacturers' Record, the income from the fisheries of the Southern States is \$20,000,000.

Halibut At Portland.

Sch. Tacoma is at Portland today with a big trip of fresh halibut, halibut for 35,000 pounds not sold.